

# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota

### Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Motor vehicle collisions are the primary cause of death of children over the age of six months in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Studies show that a child is forty to fifty times more likely to die in an automobile crash than from all other childhood diseases combined; and,

WHEREAS, 80 percent of those children who have died in car crashes would still be alive if they had been properly restrained; and,

WHEREAS, An unrestrained child is less protected by padding and energy-absorbing materials than an adult in a motor vehicle collision because protective devices are placed in areas more likely to benefit adults; and,

WHEREAS, An unrestrained child in a motor vehicle collision faces an increased danger of fatal or serious injury from ejection as well as injuries resulting from contact with the vehicle interior; and,

WHEREAS, Forty-nine states and the District of Columbia have enacted laws mandating the use of child safety restraint systems; and,

WHEREAS, Research has shown that the proper use of child restraints is 90 percent effective in preventing death and 67 percent effective in preventing injury; and,

WHEREAS, Death and injuries may be reduced significantly through greater public awareness, information, and education:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 10-16, 1985, as

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK

in South Dakota.



ATTEST:

*Alice Kundert*  
ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

By: *Jay D. Vogt*  
Jay D. Vogt, Deputy

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of February, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Five

*William J. Janklow*  
WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ORIGINAL RECORD AND WAS MICROFILMED IN THE REGULAR COURSE OF BUSINESS ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF SOUTH DAKOTA COMPILED LAW 1-27-4. IT IS FURTHER CERTIFIED THAT THE PHOTOGRAPHIC PROCESS USED FOR MICROFILMING OF THE ABOVE RECORDS WAS IN A MANNER AND ON MICROFILM WHICH MEET THE RECOMMENDED REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS FOR PERMANENT MICROPHOTOGRAPHIC REPRODUCTIONS. REDUCTION 25 ROLL NO. 4 DATE MICROFILMED 22 July 1986 CAMERA OPERATOR *J. D. Vogt*